

CUBAN OVERSEAS PRESENCE

I. Total known diplomatic, commercial and other (e.g., Prensa Latina news agency) Cuban civilian personnel officially stationed abroad 1,076

II. Included in the above, total known and suspect personnel of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (DGI)*, Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (DSE)* and other intelligence and security entities stationed overseas under official or quasi-official cover in Embassies, commercial missions, Cubana Airline or Prensa Latina offices, etc. 350

*Note: The DGI, a covert unit within the Cuban Interior Ministry, is Cuba's overseas espionage organization. The DSE, an overt part of that Ministry, is primarily responsible for Cuban internal security but also handles certain security functions in the larger Cuban missions abroad.

III. Present and recent-past Cuban military presence overseas (in some areas, as indicated, totals include some diplomatic and other non-military personnel such as construction supervisors, medical units and other technical teams):

ANGOLA ("advisors" and combat troops) ~~2,500 to 3,000~~ *4,000 to 5,000*

CONGO/Brazzaville (unknown number -- this is a major staging area and rear base for Cubans enroute to military units in Angola) ?

GUINEA (Total presence of about 320, only a portion of whom are known military or intelligence/security personnel) approximately 60

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (diplomatic, military and technical -- no breakdown by specific category available although Cuban military personnel staff the presidential guard and are also involved in training the armed forces, militia and other security elements) approximately 500

GUINEA-BISSAU (military personnel in addition to
diplomatic, commercial and tech-
nical staff) 20 to 25

SIERRA LEONE (military personnel in addition to
diplomats, etc.) approximately 20

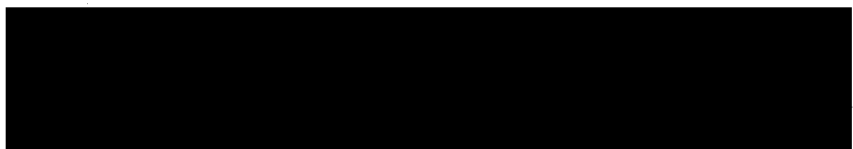
SOMALIA (military personnel in addition to small
Embassy staff) approximately 50

TANZANIA (Total Cuban presence, of whom 15 are
listed as diplomats. No breakdown
available on other categories) approximately 500

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (Cuban presence in all cate-
gories more than tripled be-
tween late 1973 and mid-1974.
Buildup was primarily military,
consisting of advisors and
training cadre, medical teams
and pilots for Soviet MIG air-
craft) approximately 700

SYRIA



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Its existence was later confirmed. In
early 1975 the strength of this unit was
approximately 500 officers and men; its
mission included training Syrians in the
use of Soviet-made tanks and other sophisti-
cated tactical weaponry. The unit may have
subsequently been withdrawn upon completion
of its training mission and turnover of its
weapons and matériel to the Syrians. As
recently as May 1975, however, more than
100 Cuban military instructors were reported
to be in and near the Damascus area. Some
of them were MIG pilots. The present
strength of the Cuban military contingent
in Syria is unknown.